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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07648.0023-01

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JOHN CAIRNEY and NANFEI XU

Application No.: 10/651,991

Filed: September 2, 2003

For: DIFFERENTIALLY-EXPRESSED CONIFER cDNAs, AND THEIR USE IN IMPROVING SOMATIC EMBRYOGENESIS

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) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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) Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application filed September 2, 2003 is currently awaiting a response.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 20, 2004

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